

REMARKS

By this amendment, claim 1 has been amended, and pending claims 1-12 are presented herein for consideration of the Examiner. As set forth in the accompanying affidavit, the inventors of this application conceived of, and reduced to practice the subject disclosed and claimed, such that Khidekel et al. does not represent prior art.

Questions regarding this application may be directed to the undersigned attorney by telephone, facsimile or electronic mail.

Respectfully submitted,

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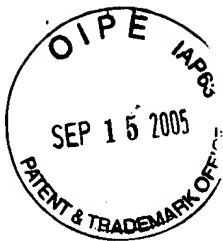
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Schwab et al.

Serial No.: 09/877,596

Group No.:

Filed: June 8, 2001

Examiner:

For: METHOD FOR SECURE TRANSACTIONS UTILIZING PHYSICALLY SEPARATED COMPUTERS

**AFFIDAVIT OF JOHN G. POSA
UNDER 37 CFR §1.131**

I, John G. Posa, make the following statements from my own personal knowledge under penalty of perjury:

1. I am a co-inventor named on U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/877,596 entitled "METHOD FOR SECURE TRANSACTIONS UTILIZING PHYSICALLY SEPARATED COMPUTERS." This application is based upon a provisional patent application filed June 9, 2000.

2. The claims of the subject application stand rejected, either under §102(e) or §103(a) over Khidekel et al., U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001-0027527A1. The '527 application is based upon a provisional application filed February 25, 2000.

3. I, together with my co-inventor Barry H. Schwab, invented the subject matter disclosed and claimed in our pending application prior to the filing date of the Khidekel et al. application, such that this application should not be used as prior art.

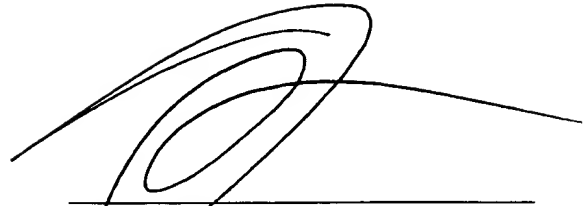
4. Of record in the prosecution file wrapper for our patent application is a document entitled "Method for Secure Transactions Utilizing Physically Separated Computers," which I received from my co-inventor Mr. Schwab on February 20, 2000, five days earlier than the earliest priority date to which Khidekel et al. are entitled.

5. Before and after the transmission of this document, Mr. Schwab and I diligently reduced the invention to practice through discussions and refinements which occurred on a regular basis up to the filing date of our provisional application.

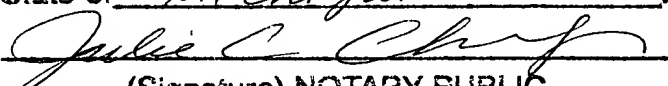
FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

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John G. Posa

Subscribed and sworn before me, this 13th
day of September 2005, a Notary Public
in and for Oakland County,
State of Michigan.

(Signature) NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires NOV 8, 2011.

